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SUBJECT: W/W GEOFFREY JOHN PAPPAS

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1. CONDITION OF PAPPAS BOY IS APPARENTLY MORE SERIOUS THAN MOTHER UNDERSTANDS. ILLNESS FROM DRUG OVERDOSE MENTIONED PARA 2 REFTEL WAS ACTUALLY SUICIDE ATTEMPT, SEPT 8, INCLUDING 28 TRANQUILIZER PILLS. SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OBLANDER, AND ANOTHER PINEWOOD TEACHER, HEARING OF BOY'S DRUGGED CONDITION FROM OTHER STUDENTS, TRACKED HIM DOWN OFF CAMPUS AND GOT HIM TO HOSPITAL IN TIME FOR HIS STOMACH TO BE PUMPED OUT. HE REMAINED OVERNIGHT AT HOSPITAL AND WAS CHECKED OUT FOLLOWING MORNING BY FATHER AGAINST DOCTOR'S ADVICE.
2. GEOFFREY IS NOW ATTENDING PINEWOOD AND STAYING AT SCHOOL'S BOARDING FACILITIES. OVER WEEKEND, SEPT 11 AND 12, HE WAS AGAIN DESPONDENT AND APPARENTLY BECAME INTOXICATED WITH WINE BOTH SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, CREATING DISCIPLINARY PROBLEMS IN DORMITORY. FOR PAST TWO DAYS, HOWEVER, HE HAS APPEARED HAPPY AND IS TAKING AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN HIS SCHOOL WORK.
3. PINEWOOD SCHOOL AUTHORITIES AND SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS ARE FEARFUL THAT PRESENT SATISFACTORY CONDITION MAY BE TEMPORARY AND THAT HE MAY HAVE MENTAL RELAPSE AND BE A DISRUPTIVE INFLUENCE ON OTHER STUDENTS, OR REVERT
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TO SUICIDAL TENDENCIES. UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, HOWEVER, AND IN OVERRIDING INTEREST OF BOY THEY ARE WILLING TO ALLOW GEOFFREY TO CONTINUE IN DORMITORY AND SCHOOL ON PROBATIONARY BASIS WITH CLEAR UNDERSTANDING

THAT HE MUST BE EXPELLED IF HE CAUSES PROBLEMS IN SCHOOL OR DORM. SCHOOL' S ACCEPTANCE OF GEOFFREY IS ALSO CONDITIONAL ON FAMILY PAYING FULL TUITION AND BOARDING FEES SINCE SCHOOL' S SMALL SCHOLARSHIP FUND HAS BEEN FULLY OBLIGATED.

4. ENTIRE SITUATION DISCUSSED WITH GEOFFREY BY CONSULAR OFFICER SEPT. 14. HE STATED THAT HE DOES NOT WANT TO RETURN TO U.S. UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. HE IS FIRM IN THIS AND APPEARS HE HAD A VERY UNHAPPY EXPERIENCE AT HIS SCHOOL IN ALEXANDRIA, VA. GEOFFREY IS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT STAYING AT PINEWOOD AND HE SAYS HE REALIZES A STRONG EFFORT WILL BE REQUIRED ON HIS PART TO REMAIN IN SCHOOL.

5. PRESENT STATUS, THEREFORE, IS THAT GEOFFREY WILL BE REMAINING AT PINEWOOD AND FATHER IS ATTEMPTING TO FIND MONEY FOR TUITION AND FEES. SCHOOL FEELS THIS MAY WELL BE SHORT-TERM SOLUTION AND BOY' S REAL NEED IS FOR PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING AND SPECIAL ATTENTION NOT AVAILABLE HERE.

6. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT CONTACT MRS. PAPPAS AND EXPLAIN PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR GEOFFREY. MRS. PAPPAS SHOULD BE TOLD SCHOOL BELIEVES GEOFFREY IS SERIOUSLY ILL AND NEEDS PROFESSIONAL HELP. THEREFORE, WE SUGGEST SHE BE STRONGLY URGED TO BEGIN EXPLORING THE AVAILABILITY OF ADEQUATE SPECIAL SCHOOLING IN U.S., IF BOY DOES RELAPSE IN FORMER STATE OR FAMILY IS UNABLE PAY PINEWOOD FEES. GIVEN GEOFFREY' S REFUSAL TO BE REPATRIATED NOW, WE DOUBT HE WOULD BE WILLING TO RETURN TO U.S. IF WERE EXPELLED FROM PINEWOOD UNLESS, PERHAPS, HE COULD BE ASSURED HE WOULD NOT BE RETURNING TO PREVIOUS UNHAPPY SITUATION, AND THAT HE WOULD BE RECEIVING THE HELP HE NEEDS.
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